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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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For: RUBBER COMPOSITION AND TIRE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is responsive to the Office Action dated July 17, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claim:

1. (Amended) A rubber composition comprising:
- a rubber component selected from the group consisting of at least one of natural rubber and a diene-based synthetic rubber; and
- a carbon black,
- wherein said carbon black has a dibutyl phthalate adsorption amount (DBP) of 140 to 200 ml/100 g, an aggregate of said carbon black has a ratio (Dw/Dn) of a weight average diameter (Dw) to a number average diameter (Dn) of 1.80 to 2.40, and said carbon black has a specific